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1. Members present were as follows:

Dr. Appleton	State
Lt. Col. Ruwet	Army
Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Maj. Gamber	Air Force
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2. The preparation of NIS #S45 (Okinawa) was discussed. It had been decided at NIS Committee Meeting No. 22, 15 February 1949, that NIS #S45 "will be a special study with Chapter I-type treatment". It was explained that this does not imply that there will be any condensation of material such as would be done for sections of orthodox Chapters I. All pertinent material available should be presented in each section, just as though the section were an orthodox chapter. The implications are as follows:

a. Chapters will be put into section form. Sections of the chapter will then become subsections of the section. For example, Chapter II (Military Geography) becomes Section 11 and takes the following format:

"Section 11. Military Geography
"A. General (corresponds to 'Introduction')
"B. Oceanography
 "1. General (if desired)
 "2. Tides and Currents
 "3. Sea and Swell
 "4. Sea-water Characteristics
 "5. Bottom Sediments and Topography
 "6. Algae and Bioluminescence
 "7. Comments on Principal Sources
"C. Coasts and Landing Beaches, etc."

b. When the other sections have been prepared, the Chapter I Subcommittee will prepare a Chapter I-type Section 10.

3. The FY 1951 Budget was discussed. The Chairman said that the G/Ba budget will include estimates for non-intelligence elements supporting the NIS Program (GPO, BGN, Departments of Interior and Agriculture). He

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stated that the volume of production will probably increase during FY 1950 but will not reach until early in FY 1951 the peak magnitude which will be maintained until all NIS have been produced. He pointed out that the Committee must look forward to the expansion of the NIS Program and that the Agencies should take such expansion into consideration when framing their budgets. Some additional projects already in view are the Petroleum Supplement, the NIS maintenance program, and augmentation of the Air Weather Service.

4. The Chairman invited attention to Editorial Instructions, Part III, A, 11, which provides as follows: "If the return of graphic material is desired, such material should be properly stamped with the name and return address of contributor. All original material not so marked will be destroyed after publication". He pointed out that none of the graphic material received to date has been so marked and requested members to have the Publication Division, G/Ba, notified concerning which material submitted to date is to be returned. Henceforth, contributors must be careful to mark as required graphic material which they wish returned, since, in the absence of marking, it will be destroyed after it has served its purpose in G/Ba.

5. The Chairman read the following recommendation of the Joint Meteorological Committee: "The Joint Meteorological Committee in Item 2 of its 252d Meeting on 19 May 1949 agreed:

"a. To forward to the Central Intelligence Agency, through the Chapter Coordinator for Chapter II for the National Intelligence Survey, a request that the outline for Chapter II, Section 23, Standard Instructions for NIS, be changed as follows:

"(1) The title of paragraph 23B(2) be changed to 'Climatic Conditions (land areas)'.

"(2) A paragraph 23B(3) be added to the outline and entitled 'Climatic Conditions (adjacent sea areas)'.

"b. That, after approval of the changes recommended in a. above, the Navy will be assigned the responsibility for preparation of Paragraph 23B(3) of Chapter II, Standard Instructions for NIS."

The Committee concurred in this recommendation. The Chairman will so notify the Secretary, JMC.

6. It was agreed that, in so far as practicable, alternate members as well as members will attend NIS Committee Meetings. This is in the interest of providing continuity in the event of the absence of members.

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7. The Tentative NIS Production Schedule - FY 1950 was approved, and will be distributed to the IAC Agencies through the members of the NIS Committee. It is based on the production of the equivalent of 15 NIS including 66 sections which the Agencies estimated would be carried over from Fiscal Year 1949. However, the actual defections may well exceed 100 sections. While the scheduled production flow during Fiscal Year 1950 varies considerably from month to month (e.g., 60 sections for July 1949; 127 sections for June 1950), the Agencies are unable to effect a more even production flow because of the building up of their staffs during this period.

8. The Committee tentatively approved a recommendation by Army that cross-country movement analyses be incorporated as distinct parts of NIS Sections 24 and 26 (Terrain Elements of the NIS Area as a Whole and Descriptive Analysis of Military Regions). These analyses to be prepared for the following NIS before being prepared for NIS scheduled for FY 1950:

- 26-II - European Russia (including island possessions)
- 26-III - Urals and West Siberian Plain (including Tannu Tuva and island possessions)
- 26-IV - Central and Eastern Siberia (including Kamchatka, the Kuriles, Sakhalin, and other island possessions)
- 28 - 31- Syria and Lebanon, Transjordan, Iraq, Palestine
- 32 - Saudi Arabia
- 54 - Anglo-Egyptian Sudan

Analyses for FY 1950 Chapters II, to be scheduled for completion approximately three months after completion date for other material of Chapters II. Analyses to cover territory up to beach lines. ID to prepare all analyses (Navy not to participate in preparation). ID to send a working level representative to G/Ba to work out details of integration of these elements in Sections 24 and 26.

9. The Chairman reported on NIS production as follows:

a. A total of 121 sections (including defections from previous months) was due in G/Ba during May. Twenty-nine sections were received in May and 92 sections were overdue as of 31 May.

b. A total of 211 sections, including defections carried over from May, is due in June. Of these, the Agencies have indicated that they will defect on 75. This leaves a total of 136 sections to be submitted to G/Ba in June. As of 7 June, 8 sections have been received. This leaves a balance of 128 sections still due.

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It was, therefore, decided that members would further consult their Agencies and forward to G/Ba memoranda setting forth their Agency policies on this matter.

11. It was decided that it would be advantageous to make, about September 1949, a tentative determination of the NIS Areas to be covered in FY 1951. This would, among other things, assist in advance determination of types of personnel to be procured for FY 1951.

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